

Child Studies Major

The Bachelor of Science major in Child Studies is an interdisciplinary social sciences degree (psychology, sociology, education and early childhood) that prepares students at the undergraduate level to work in settings related to human services, family & youth development, education or special education. Students completing this major will be prepared to enter into graduate degree programs related to the social sciences and education. Students interested in pursuing public school teaching in CT may also use this degree program to apply for an ARC (Alternative Route to Teacher Certification) program approved by the CT State Department of Education (CSDE).

Students interested in obtaining certification to work specifically in Early Childhood (112 Integrated Early Childhood/Special Ed., Birth–Kindergarten) may be eligible for the ARC program at Charter Oak State College if they also have verified teaching experience as an early childhood educator (with children ages birth through five) or as a home visitor providing educational services to families with children between the ages of birth to five.

Field experience hours are required for some courses within the major. All major requirements must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher. This major requires a minimum of 51 credits.

Major Requirements

ECE 101: Introduction to Early Childhood Education or EDU 115- Foundations of Education	3 cr
ECE 205: Diversity & Ethics in ECE or EDU 2XX- Culturally Responsive Teaching	3 cr
ECE 176: Health, Safety & Nutrition for children ages Birth to Eight; or, EDU 211: Health & Wellness School-Age Child	3 cr
ECE 217: The Exceptional Learner	3 cr
ECE 247: Child Development: Birth to Eight	3 cr
EDU 305: Autism Spectrum Disorder	3 cr
Early Childhood Education or Education Electives	6 cr
Social Science Electives in Human Growth and Development	6 cr
PSY 410: Research Methods for Behavioral Sciences	3 cr
SOC 320: Urban Youth in American Society	3 cr
EDU 360- Families, Schools and Communities	3 cr
EDU 495: Child Studies Major Capstone	3 cr

Pre-requisites

- MAT 105: Statistics
- PSY 101: Psychology
- SOC 101: Sociology

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a major in Child Studies will:

1. understand both typical and atypical child, youth, and/or adolescent development;
2. understand pertinent theories related to early childhood education, education, psychology or sociology, and be able to apply theories to practice;
3. understand family dynamics and how to work with families;
4. apply strategies to support children and their families in multiple settings, including children with special learning needs;
5. select and design developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities to promote positive development and learning of children;
6. develop experiences for children and families that are safe, inclusionary and culturally pluralistic; and that reflect understanding of developmentally appropriate practices in working with families and their children; and
7. select and design developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities to promote positive development and learning of children.